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In re application of:

Mylavarapu VENKATRAMESH *et al.*

Art Unit: 1638

Appln. No.: 09/548,256

Examiner: A. Nelson

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For: Transgenic Plants Containing
Altered Levels of Sterol
Compounds and Tocopherols

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Madam:

It is hereby requested that the period for submitting a response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, be extended four months from January 5, 2002, to May 6, 2002 (May 5 falling on a Sunday), by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,440.00 for a four (4) month extension for a large entity. Partial payment of the fee in the amount of \$1,414.00 is included in our check number 156277, enclosed herewith. Please charge the remainder (\$26.00) to counsel's Deposit Account 50-1824 referencing docket number 16516.152. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16516.152. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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